

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

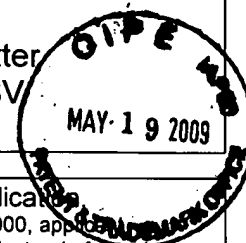
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA),

Application Number: 09/639,508  
Filing Date: August 16, 2000  
First Named Inventor: Chomik, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3724  
Examiner Name: Clark F. Dexter  
Attorney Docket Number: 460.1891USV  
CUSTOMER NO.: 67,519



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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. **Previously submitted**

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. **XXXXXX Enclosed**

- i. **XXXXXX** Amendment with transmittal
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449
- iv. Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. **XXXXXX** The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$810.00 (RCE fee) to Deposit Account No.: 01-0467, and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the pendency of the application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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- ii. Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
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b. Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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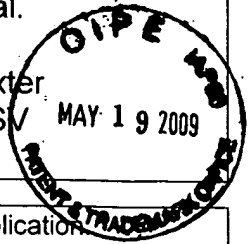
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